

To: Cabinet
Date: 17 June 2026
Report of: Scrutiny Committee
Title of Report: Recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee

Summary and recommendations	
Decision being taken:	To submit the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee for Cabinet's consideration.
Key decision:	No
Lead Member:	Councillor Alex Powell, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee
Corporate Priority:	A Well-Run Council
Policy Framework:	None

Recommendation(s): That the Cabinet:
1. Consider and note the update from the Scrutiny Committee as set out in the report.

Information Exempt From Publication	
N/A	N/A

Appendix No.	Appendix Title	Exempt from Publication
N/A	N/A	N/A

Overview and Summary

- The Scrutiny Committee met on 9 June 2026 and reviewed the following items:
 - Establishment of the Scrutiny Standing Working Groups and Review Group
- Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000 grants the power to the Scrutiny Committee to make reports or recommendations to the Cabinet with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Executive; and on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area.

3. Minutes of relevant meetings are available detailed below:

- [Scrutiny Committee – 9 June 2026](#)

Establishment of the Scrutiny Function for 2026-2027

4. The Scrutiny Committee agreed to elect Councillor Alex Powell as the Chair of the Committee for the municipal year, allowing continuity during a period where the authority will be undergoing Local Government Reorganisation later in the year. Councillor Simon Ottino was elected as Vice-Chair.
5. The Committee also established its standing Working Groups for 2026 to 2027, the same groups as in previous years (Climate and Environment, Finance and Performance & Housing and Homelessness), showing continuity during a period of transition for the Council, but also while the authority must continue to meet its statutory obligations.
6. The meetings have been scheduled until April 2027 and will continue to offer the detailed and focused scrutiny of the Council's performance and progress throughout the year.
7. The intention to establish a Budget Review Group for December 2026 to February 2027 has also been agreed, with the scope and Terms of Reference being brought to the Scrutiny Committee for approval later in the year.
8. The Committee also agreed its work plan for the next three months, and this will be continually updated throughout the year as additional decisions are added to the Forward Plan, and reports are commissioned by the Committee.
9. The Committee would like to thank Cabinet Members and Officers for their work in supporting the Scrutiny Committee and Working Groups over the previous year, and to Officers for reviewing the arrangements for this municipal year. The Chair and Committee look forward to working with the Cabinet through the year, to offer support and scrutiny to the administration during a critical year for the Council.

Financial implications

10. Financial implications for the reports listed above were outlined within the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Group.
11. Where appropriate, any further financial implications were reviewed when considering the recommendations.

Legal issues

12. Legal implications for the reports listed above were outlined within the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Group.
13. Where appropriate, any further legal implications were reviewed when considering the recommendations.

Level of risk

14. Risk Registers, where appropriate, were linked to the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Groups.
15. Where appropriate, the risk register was reviewed when considering the recommendations.

Equalities impact

16. Equalities Impact Assessments, where appropriate, were linked to the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Groups.
17. Where appropriate, the Equalities Impact Assessments was reviewed when considering the recommendations.

Carbon and Environmental Considerations

18. Consideration for Carbon and Environmental impacts, where appropriate, were linked to the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Groups.
19. Where appropriate, the Carbon and Environmental impacts were reviewed when considering the recommendations.

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